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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Daniel M. Pasiewicz
YASUHIKO SHIOMI ET AL.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2612
Application No.: 09/972,995)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 4789
Filed: October 10, 2001)	
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For: SIGNAL DIFFERENCE CORRECTION)	October 21, 2005
OF PICTURE SIGNALS READ FROM	:	
MULTIPLE READOUT TYPE IMAGE)	
SENSING DEVICE	:	

Mail Stop Amendment
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully traverse the election of species requirement set forth in the Office Action dated September 21, 2005.

A careful review of the specification reveals that the various species are closely related and would not require separate fields of search. Accordingly, neither Applicants nor the Patent and Trademark Office should be put to the trouble and expense entailed in multiple filing and prosecution. Moreover, it is respectfully submitted that the public at large should not be

required to obtain and study separate patent documents in order to have available all of the issued patent claims covering the invention.

Nevertheless, in order to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect Species I, represented by Figures 1-6. It is respectfully submitted that Claims 1, 2, 5, 9-16, 18-24, 26-32, 34-40, 42-45, 47, 48, 50-52, 54-57, 59 and 62-69 read on the elected species. Although the Examiner indicated none of the claims are generic, the elected independent claims should be considered generic to those non-elected claims dependent thereon.

Favorable consideration is requested.

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